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EARLY LETTERS REGARDING VIRGINIA.

LLAWRENCE COUGHEN TO JOHN BROWN.[1]

(This letter recorded in Northampton County is from a factor in Amsterdam to a prominent settler in Virginia.)

Amsterdam the 6th of October 1651
Mr Browne:

Yor Lletter of the 19th of September is come to hand. I understand you have recd of Mr. Scarburgh sixty pounds sterlinge more wch is wel, for yor Tobacco is yet unsoulde; much of late has bine sould in outcryes in a publiq waye soe yt people keepe of (f) from buyeinge; but I doubt not of a good markett: This weeke I looke ovr yor tobaco & finde it not ye better but much worse (somewhat of it) for keepeinge And none of it soe good to looke on as att first. But I wil labour to put it off wth the first; & what shall be found comeinge to you I shall receive for you Garberant Dervicke went lately out of Vessell towards Maryland; I have adventured nothing this yeare, but a little for my kinsmans own pviscon. I have writt to sevall friends in Virgininna; but whether they will delivr or noe, I know not, & I fear it partly; I wrote Mr. Nuthall[2] I sould his Tobaco for 600 the Hogh, & tell John Ellis his Tobaco pved well. this I intreat you to doe when it shall please god to send you safe to Virginnina; yor bedd & rugg I shipt by Robert Neblett who goeth hence wth ye first convoye. Thus intreatinge to remember mee to all freinds, when you come home, I wish you a good voyage & soe rest

Yors Llawrence Coughen

if you. shall not staye till Mr Niblett arrives then give order to some one to receive yor bedd
Recordat 22th of April 1656 p Edm: Mathewe Clic Cur.

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[1]Will of John Brown was proved in Northampton County, Va., January 22, 1655. He named sons John, Thomas, Stephen, and daughters Mary, Sarah and Elizabeth, wife Ursula. Dated August 26, 1654. Wife sole executrix, Capt. Thomas Johnson and John Hinson assistants.

[2]A noted ship captain and trader to Virgina and Maryland.

WILLIAM MOULLE TO FRANCIS MOULLE.

(This letter, recorded in Northampton County, was written by William Moulle in contemplation of his return from England to Virginia.)

Dearest Loveing Brother,

I have recd yor. Letter as willingly as a joyfull heart can exp^{r}sse) wth my sister Lluces Toaken for ye wch I give her kinde thanks for ye same And this is to lett yo^{u} understand that my Tob: is sould att Plimouth, butt att a very low rate, for I had as much in Llondon for one Hoghd as I had there for twoe; butt nowe it cannott bee healped & soe wee must bee content for ye seas are soe very dangerous wee could not gett it about to London wthouthazarding or loosinge all & I hope this weeke I shall receve my moneyes for ye s^{d} Tob: And I recd ye twenty shillings of George Merrill ye carryer & I hope I shall heare from yo^{u} once more by Merrill, & y^{t} wil be all the while I shall staye in Llondon for ye shipps fall downe to Graves End ev^{r}y daye, but yet I may bee in England this moneth or more. But wrightinge one to another will bee one returne of the Carryer. But when I come to Virginia & God bless me wth life & health I shall not fayle in wrightinge to yo^{u} The little Estate ye Lord hath blessed me wth all in Virginia is most on it in Cattle & Bedds wth Potts, Keetle, some Hoggs; And (if I should doe any other ways than well) yo^{u} must write to James Jones & give him an order to sell this goods and turne them into Tobacco ffor hee cannott in one yeare gett sale for all; therefore yo^{u} must write unto him & he will advise yo^{u} for ye best, But yo^{u} must satisfye him in some measure. And then hee will not neglect to be sure; for he is a very honest man & one y^{t} yo^{u} may trust. Deare brother before yo^{u} write to James Jones to sell any thinge; write to him what there is & what to doe & howe hee shall advise yo^{u} for ye best, & then when yo^{u} have his answer yo^{u} will ye better knowe what to doe init; for I give y^{u} but this Instruccons, that ye best of ev^{r}y thinge maye bee made of it, & ye care I take (if I shall dye single) that yo^{u} should have it all. And I leave this (if I should dye att sea and not bee taken), that you should have the little I take wth mee to sea. And if please God this should happen you must

write to him, to whome in England he shall Assigne it ov^{r} to for yor use. And if please God that this bee, Helpe our Deare Mother & our goode Sisters and Brothers if there be any occasion; for I give yo^{u} it with this intent And I doubt no lesse of yo^{u} But y^{t} you will pforme it, (if such a thinge should happen); the seas are soe troublesome that I dare not venter to take my sister Dorothy over wth me But I would not have yo^{u} thinke it is for want of good will for I vowe to God it is not nor to none of all that is not wantinge, But shall doe for any of yo^{u} the uttrmost of my power. I cannott close butt tell yo^{u} that since ye last letter, I have bine dangerous sicke, the Doctor & the Apothecary hath had of me sixe pds. But thanks bee to God I am well recovrd, And soe wth my love to my Brother Edmund, my cousin Ann, my Brother John's wife & to all our friends in gen^{r}ll And my humble Dutye to my Deare Mother: And my love to ou^{r} good Brothers & sisters & my Deare love unto yor selfe wth my prayer to God for all yor healths & happines I rest

Yo^{r} Lovinge Brother to his powr till death

William Moulle.

London, Queens Armes
in Beear Lane ye 18 September 1653

WYCHE FAMILY.

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The old vestry books of St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick County, show that on Dec. 6th, 1735, at a meeting of the vestry, Henry Wyche was appointed to procession the land. This was 6 Henry^{2} Wyche, previously mentioned in this record. At another meeting held on Nov. 8th, 1751, 11 William^{3} Wyche was appointed to procession the land, and at a court held in Brunswick Nov., 1752, he was "recommended to His Honor the Governor as a proper person to be added to the commission of Peace for this County."

At a court held in Brunswick Aug., 1758, Henry Wyche, Gent., was recommended for the Com. of Peace. This was 40